



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo on Friday 27th June

What an incredible journey we embarked on Friday last week to the Marwell Zoo in Hampshire. Our entire school from EYFS to Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day out at **Marwell Zoo**. Excitement filled the air as each class set off on a self-guided tour, exploring the zoo at their own pace. Children were thrilled to see animals like penguins, giraffes, tigers and snow leopards up close. EYFS and KS1 loved spotting their favourite creatures. The children were especially enchanted by the penguins and meerkats. They loved watching the penguins waddle and dive, and they giggled at the meerkats standing tall on the rocks. While KS2 children engaged deeply with animal facts, habitats, and conservation themes. The trip encouraged independence, teamwork, and curiosity. Everyone returned to school full of stories and smiles. The children embraced the opportunity to bring their learning to life and truly made the most of this educational trip. Here are also some photos from our wild adventure!



I liked the Dik Diks and snow leopards, they were my favourite. I thought that this was the best school trip I have been on. Thank you – William E

EYFS children in Owls Class went on their first ever school trip! The excitement of a coach journey was overwhelming; some young children thoroughly enjoyed the coach ride. It was great to take learning out of the classroom and give the whole school an experience they can share. It was a day full of facts and fun. The children had a fantastic time and left wanting to visit again! I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to our teachers, teaching assistants and governors who contributed to the success of this trip and helped us to bring the children’s learning to life. We hope this experience will leave a lasting impact on our children’s knowledge and love for nature and animals. Please read below what the children had to say about the trip!

It was amazing to see a giraffe and a zebra so close up. – Riley
I saw lots of different animals that I didn't know existed – Ava M
I loved the tiger and how close he was lying – Kaden

I was excited to go to the zoo. I really liked the penguins because we saw them swimming under the water. – Phoebe P

I really liked the zoo. My favourite animal was the penguins because I liked how they swim. – Joshua H

I loved when I went to Marwell Zoo with my friends especially on the coach on the way there because everyone sang A la la la Laddin and The Wheels on the Bus. We saw lots of animals as well as zebras, tigers, Dik Diks and more. It was amazing. – Carter

I loved it because there was actual real animals. I liked the penguins but not the smell of animal poop. – Noah

We went on a school trip to a zoo called Marwell Zoo. It was very exciting because we got to see loads of my favourite animals. The experience was great, I would go again – Calyn

This Thursday, the **School Council** organised a fantastic fundraising **Movie Night** — and what a success it was! Our EYFS and KS1 children cozied up to watch the animated classic "**101 Dalmatians**", enjoying the adventures of the lovable spotted pups. Meanwhile, our KS2 children watched "**Turning Red**", a fun and heartwarming film that sparked lots of laughter and conversation. The event was a wonderful opportunity for children to relax with friends, enjoy some popcorn, and celebrate the end of a busy term. A huge thank you to the School Council for organising such a fun-filled evening — and to all the staff, in particular Miss Hill and Miss Bennett, who helped make it happen! Thanks to the amazing turnout and generous support from families, the event also raised valuable funds for the school — an amazing £275.40 has been raised! Well done everyone! These contributions will go towards enhancing learning resources. We can't wait for the next one!



Parent Governor Election Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent **Parent Governor Ballot**. We were delighted to see such strong engagement from our school community. We appreciate the time and thought you put into casting your votes and your support in helping shape the future of our school.

We are pleased to announce that, following the count, **Sam Jahanshahi** received the most votes and has been elected as our new Parent Governor. Congratulations to Sam Jahanshahi on this appointment. We would also like to extend our thanks to **Sarah Irwin**, who was also a very strong candidate, for putting herself forward for this role. We are grateful for her willingness to support the school in this way.

Once again, a big thank you to both candidates and to every parent who voted. We look forward to working with **Sam Jahanshahi** and continuing to strengthen the partnership between home and school.



We will continue with the related value of **Conservation: Saving Water** next week. Children in their class have had a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about 'What actions would YOU take to help improve the quality of the air around you?' If we all make a small change, then we can have a big impact on our climate. Perhaps you can ask your child/ren to think of a few small things that they can do at home that might help to clean our air. You may also want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote "**There is no such thing as away. When you throw something away, it must go somewhere.**" – Annie Leonard, Executive Director of Green Peace USA (1964 -) What might he mean?

KS2 End of Year Production

KS2 children have been very busy with their rehearsals of '**A-la-la-la-laddin**, a modern musical adaption. Throughout the week I have heard snippets of the rehearsal, children's singing is amazing! We are all looking forward to watching it next week. KS2 children will be putting on 3 performances to which parents are warmly invited. Please refer to the letter sent home on Monday this week for details regarding tickets allocation and arrangements for these performances. **ALL KS2 CHILDREN are expected to be present for ALL THREE Performances.**

Monday 7 th	KS2 End of Year Production Dress Rehearsal to the Whole School	1.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	KS2 End of Year Production – A-la-la-la-la- laddin to parents	1.30pm
Wednesday 9 ^h	KS2 End of Year Production – A-la-la-la-la- laddin to parents	6.00pm
Thursday 10 th	KS2 End of Year Production – A-la-la-la-la- laddin to parents	6.00pm

The busy weeks continue as we are approaching the end of term / year. There are a variety of events to which you are warmly invited. Here are some key dates for your diary:

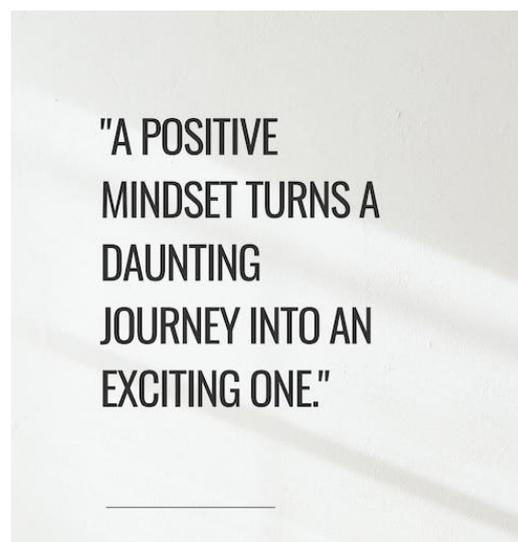
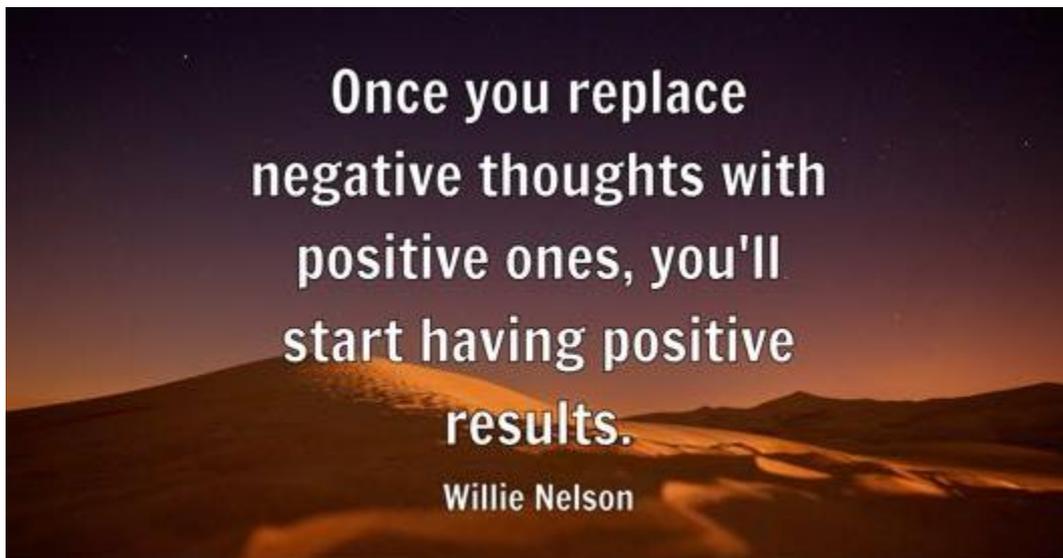
Monday 21 st	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to Year 6 Parents only	9.30am
Monday 21 st	Year 6 Leavers' Party	4.00pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd	End of Term 6 – School finishes	1.00pm

Reminder and Upcoming Event

- **Parish Music Party** will be taking place on **Saturday 5th July tomorrow** in the School Playing Field from **5.30pm onwards**.
- **Rock Academy Music Concert** - Parents of participating children are warmly invited to join us for this special event and celebrate the musical achievements of our children on **Wednesday 9th July at 2.30pm** in the School Hall.

Have an enjoyable weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher



Sunshine Book

Congratulations to all the children for demonstrating the School Values, following the School Golden Rules and going above and beyond with their learning throughout this week.

Owls	Joseph I	Bethan U
Nightingales	Noah G-M	Hunter H
Robins	Oakley T	Maisie B
Skylarks	Charlie M	Dixie B
Red Kites	Cody R	Alanna T
Kestrels	Rayaan J Ardaan M	Tejas Dholiwar

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	504	2700
Galileo (Green)	343	2345
Redgrave (Red)	354	2627
Yeats (Yellow)	398	2479

The Winning House's for this week is **Brunel**. Well done.

Attendance for the Week

Excellent attendance and punctuality maximise potential! Every day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance: 23-06-25 to 27-06-25

Owls 96.6%	Skylarks 95.9%
Nightingales 96.5%	Red Kites 92.9%
Robins 89.7%	Kestrels 95.0%
Whole School 94.6%	



Habit of the Month

In **July** children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do – Stay positive and embrace challenges**. The children are expected to have a positive mindset, and use strategies to tackle any challenges during this transition period. Please help and encourage your children to think, say positive things and build positive relationships. We appreciate your continued support in helping our children form good habits.

After School Clubs

All teacher led clubs will finish in w/c 7th July. Clubs run by other external professionals will finish in w/c 14th July. Children then should be collected at 3.10pm. If you require child care after school, please use our **Woodpeckers Club**. Please book a slot in advance using SCOPAY. Thank you.

Parent Governor Election Update

We are delighted to announce that Mr Jahanshahi will be joining the WSL Governing Board as Parent Governor with immediate effect. We look forward to working with Mr Jahanshahi. Congratulations, Mr Jahanshahi!

Sun Protection

With the good weather hopefully set for the next few weeks, it is important that our children come prepared. Please can we ask that the children come to school prepared for the weather including:



- Wearing sun cream each day.
- Ensuring your child comes to school with their school water bottle, **clearly labelled**.

- Ensuring that your child also comes to school with a hat they can wear when they are outside. Please make sure hats are **clearly labelled with their names**.

Rock Academy Music Concert

Children who have been attending instrumental classes will take the stage to showcase what they have been learning in their music lessons! Parents of participating children are warmly invited to join us for this special event and celebrate the musical achievements of our children on **Wednesday 9th July at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

Transition Week

During the week commencing Monday 14th July, the children will spend a couple of days in their new classrooms with their Class Teacher for the 2025-26 academic year. We hope to make it an exciting transition week and help them move as smoothly as possible. We are in the process of finalising staffing and the class organisation and we will keep you informed once all confirmed next week.

Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents

There will be Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents whose children will join us in EYFS Owls Class in September 2025. This meeting will take place on **Wednesday 16th July at 11.05am in the School Hall**. Followed by Second Hand School Uniform Sale organised by our PTA in the school playground.

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure program for children aged 4 to 11, delivered via public libraries. Children can sign up for **free** at their local library or online. The theme for this year is **'Story Garden'**. From bugs to plants, there's something for everyone. **The challenge will start from 12th July to Mid-September**. Children can visit the library and borrow books over the summer holidays. They will collect stickers along the way and get a medal and certificate if they complete the challenge – reading at least 6 books.

PTA Class of 2025 Camp Out

Class of 2025 Campout will be held on Friday 18th July 2025 from 5.00pm. Please join us to celebrate another wonderful year at WSL, say farewell to our beloved Kestrels class as they head onto their next adventure, and give a warm welcome to some of our new Owls. Evening and camping tickets are available at www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/.

Reading Books

ALL Reading Books must be returned to school by Monday 14th July. We need to check our stock and get all books sorted and organised, ready for the new academic year. Please can you check and make sure your child/ren return the borrowed books. Thank you.

Our mission is to provide inspiration and opportunities for all children to achieve their potential and become confident, independent individuals with key skills for lifelong learning

School Values: Truth Love Peace Responsibility Community

Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Li-Juan Ellerton (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Deputy Headteacher)

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Harmit Kaur Thiara (Parent Governor)

Governors can be contacted via email to clerk@wslprimary.org

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2024-2025

Term 6 (38 days)

July	Fri 4 th	Year 6 Activity Day at Dinton Pastures	All Day
	Sat 5 th	Music Party in the School Playing Field	5.30pm to late
	Mon 7 th	KS2 End of the Year Production Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
	Tues 8 th	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	1.30pm
	Wed 9 th	Rock Academy Music Concert for Parents	2.30pm
		KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	6.00pm
	Thurs 10 th	KS2 End of the Year Performance for KS2 Parents	6.00pm
	Wed 16 th	Transition morning for new children in Owls Class	9.00am-12.00pm
		Information Meeting for New Parents	11.00am-12.00pm
	Fri 18 th	PTA Class of 2025 Camp Out	5.00pm onwards
	Mon 21 st	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in the School Hall	9.30am
	Monday 21 st	Year 6 Leaving Party	4.00-6.00pm
	Wed 23 rd	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

Summer Holiday: Thursday 24th July 2025 – Tuesday 2nd September 2025

The Academic Year 2025-2026

Term 1 (38 days)

September	Wed 3 rd	Staff Inset Day
	Thurs 4 th	Start of Pupil Term
October	Fri 24 th	End of Pupil Term

October Holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Term 2 (35 days)

November	Mon 3 rd	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 4 th	Start of Pupil Term
December	Fri 19 th	End of Pupil Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Term 3 (30 days)

January	Mon 5 th	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 6 th	Staff Inset Day
	Wed 7 th	Start of Pupil Term
February	Fri 13 th	End of Pupil Term

February Holiday: Monday 17th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4 (29 days)

February	Mon 23 rd	Start of Pupil Term
March	Fri 27 th	End of Pupil Term:

Spring Holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

(Good Friday is 3rd April 2026 and Easter Monday is 6th April 2026)

Please do not book family holidays during term time. Please note that Staff Inset Days are subject to change.

Dates /times added/changed will be highlighted

All dates to the end of the year can also be found on the school website www.wslprimary.org

Information / Letters sent home or can be accessed on the school website last & this week:

Parent Governor Ballot reminder to all

Year 1 DT Project Letter to Nightingales

Handling School Incidents Reminder Letter to all

Primary Times Magazine to all

Balanceability reminder to Owls Class

Chicken Pox information to Skylarks and Red Kites Class